

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION**

**Call to Order:** By Chairman Rick Jore, on January 29, 2007 at 3:12 P.M., in Room 137 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

##### **Members Present:**

Rep. Rick Jore, Chairman (C)  
Rep. Roger Koopman, Vice Chairman (R)  
Rep. Holly Raser, Vice Chairman (D)  
Rep. Norma Bixby (D)  
Rep. Mark Blasdel (R)  
Rep. Edward B. Butcher (R)  
Rep. Douglas Cordier (D)  
Rep. George Everett (R)  
Rep. Wanda Grinde (D)  
Rep. Robin Hamilton (D)  
Rep. Bob Lake (R)  
Rep. Jesse O'Hara (R)  
Rep. John Ward (R)  
Rep. Franke Wilmer (D)

**Members Excused:** None.

##### **Members Absent:**

Rep. Michael Lange (R)

##### **Staff Present:**

Donci Bardash, Committee Secretary  
Susan Fox, Legislative Branch

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##### **Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 357, 1/23/2007; HB 363,  
1/23/2007  
Executive Action: HB 267, HB 182, HB 260, HB 211,  
HB 224

**HEARING ON HB 357**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:02:37 Rep. Jill Cohenour (D), HD 78, opened the hearing on HB 357, Revise blind vender and blind person preference laws.

[EXHIBIT](#)(edh19a01)

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:04:42 Carl Schweitzer, Montana Association for the Blind

[EXHIBIT](#)(edh19a02)

[EXHIBIT](#)(edh19a03)

00:07:27 Bob Maffit, self

**Opponents' Testimony:** None.

**Informational Testimony:**

00:11:22 Elaine Taylor, Montana Beverage Association

00:12:09 Beverly Berg, Department of Public Health and Human Service(DPHHS)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:12:46 Rep. Jore

00:13:25 Rep. Cohenour

00:13:42 Mr. Maffit

00:19:20 Rep. Butcher

00:20:11 Rep. Jore

00:20:36 Rep. Cohenour

00:21:32 Rep. Butcher

00:22:51 Rep. Cohenour

00:23:29 Ms. Berg

00:24:09 Rep. Everett

00:24:44 Rep. Cohenour

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:24:52 Rep. Cohenour

**HEARING ON HB 363**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:25:46 Rep. John Ward (R), HD 84, opened the hearing on HB 363, Revise school budget laws.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:29:04 Madalyn Quinlan, OPI

**EXHIBIT**(edh19a04)

00:33:20 Lance Melton, Montana School Boards Association

**EXHIBIT**(edh19a05)

00:35:22 Pete Carparelli, Montana Quality Education Coalition

**EXHIBIT**(edh19a06)

00:37:57 Dave Shreeve, Forsyth Schools

00:41:57 Larry Nielson, MEA-MFT

00:43:21 Dave Puyear, Montana Rural Education Association

00:44:29 Rep. Dan Villa, HD 86, Anaconda

**Opponents' Testimony:** None.

**Informational Testimony:** None.

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:45:28 Rep. Lake

00:55:16 Ms. Quinlan

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:55:27 Rep. Ward

00:57:05 Break

01:08:53 Reconvene

01:09:23 Rep. Jore

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 267**

01:12:31 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Raser moved that **HB 267 BE TABLED.**  
The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 182**

01:14:58 **Motion:** Rep. Raser moved that **HB 182 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

01:15:38 Rep. Lake

01:16:58 Rep. Wilmer

01:17:24 Rep. Lake

01:19:01 Rep. Ward

01:20:25 Rep. Jore

01:21:42 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Rep. Lake moved a substitute motion **TO TABLE**. The substitute motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Rep. Lange voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 260**

01:23:44 Rep. Jore

01:23:51 **Motion:** Rep. Raser moved that **HB 260 DO PASS**.

**Discussion:**

01:24:02 Ms. Fox

01:25:17 **Motion:** Rep. Raser moved that **HB 260 BE AMENDED**.  
**EXHIBIT**(edh19a07)

**Discussion:**

01:26:05 Rep. Raser

01:26:45 **Vote:** The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.  
Rep. Lange voted by proxy.

01:27:13 **Motion:** Rep. Raser moved that **HB 260 DO PASS AS AMENDED**.

01:27:29 **Motion:** Rep. Raser moved that **HB 260 BE AMENDED**.  
**EXHIBIT**(edh19a08)

**Discussion:**

01:28:02 Rep. Jore  
01:28:19 Rep. Raser  
01:28:48 Rep. Lake  
01:29:11 Ms. Fox  
01:29:35 Rep. Lake  
01:29:50 Ms. Fox  
01:30:08 Rep. Lake  
01:30:16 Rep. Fox

01:30:35 **Vote:** The motion carried with a voice vote of 14-1 with Rep. Koopman voting no. Rep. Lange voted by proxy.

01:31:03 **Motion:** Rep. Raser moved that **HB 260 DO PASS AS AMENDED**.

**Discussion:**

01:31:58 Rep. Ward

01:32:37 **Vote:** The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.  
Rep. Lange voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 211**

01:33:16 **Motion:** Rep. Raser moved that **HB 211 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

01:33:52 Rep. Bixby  
01:34:54 Rep. Jore  
01:35:12 Rep. Raser  
01:35:21 Bud Williams, OPI  
01:36:36 Rep. Jore  
01:36:46 Rep. Butcher  
01:38:20 Mr. Williams  
01:38:27 Rep. Raser  
01:39:04 Rep. Hamilton  
01:39:27 Rep. Everett  
01:39:53 Rep. Raser  
01:40:08 Rep. Butcher  
01:40:24 Rep. Lake

01:40:41 **Vote:** The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Rep. Lange voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 224**

01:42:10 **Motion:** Rep. Raser moved that **HB 224 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

01:42:33 Rep. Ward  
01:42:54 Rep. Bixby  
01:45:57 Rep. O'Hara  
01:46:42 Rep. Butcher  
01:50:00 Rep. Cordier  
01:51:20 Rep. Raser  
01:54:01 Rep. Wilmer  
01:55:33 Rep. Hamilton  
01:56:09 Rep. Koopman

01:57:27 **Vote:** The motion failed 5-10 by roll call vote with  
Reps. Raser, Bixby, Wilmer, Grinde, and Hamilton voting  
aye.

01:58:26 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Butcher Butcher moved to **REVERSE THE VOTE AND TABLE THE BILL.** The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

**ADJOURNMENT**

01:59:12 Adjournment: 5:12 P.M.

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REP. RICK JORE, Chairman

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Additional Exhibits:

**EXHIBIT ([edh19aad.pdf](#))**